

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following title:

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Please add the following paragraph on page 1, line 4:

This application is a divisional of co-pending U. S. Patent Application No. 10/102,132 which was filed on March 20, 2002 and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Please add the following paragraph on page 7, line 7:

The post 66 comprises a base 88 and a neck-down portion 89 interconnecting the base 88 and the spheroid-shaped member 68, as shown, for example, in Fig. 5. The base 88 is secured to the tube body 34 between a perforated sleeve 90 of the tube body 34 and an imperforate sleeve 91. The perforated sleeve 90 defines the orifices 38. The imperforate sleeve 91 and a flange 92 extending radially outwardly therefrom surround the post 66. The post 66 and the tube body 34 are coaxial relative to an axis 93.